AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A goblet device configured for use with a motorized base as a food mixer, the device comprising:

a) a container wall having

an upper edge forming an opening which defines an open upper end of the ~~goblet~~ container wall, and

having a lower opening adapted for horizontal coupling to a mixing assembly,

said container wall having a longitudinal axis substantially centered within said container wall at ~~one end within a plane defined on one end of the~~ longitudinal axis ~~by said open upper end of the goblet, and substantially centered~~ at the ~~other end of the~~ axis within ~~a horizontal plane~~ defined ~~on the other~~ end ~~of~~ the axis ~~by~~ said lower opening;

b) a mixing assembly that comprises

a base cap to close said lower opening of the container wall,

said base cap having a lower horizontal edge,

said lower horizontal edge being adapted for horizontal placement on the motorized base, and

said base cap being removably couplable to the container wall so that the mixing assembly can be removed for cleaning,

a plurality of blades disposable within the container wall so as to be centered near the bottom of the container wall when the mixing assembly is coupled to said lower opening of the container wall,

said plurality of blades being spaced away from the sides of the container wall and mounted about a single rotational axis; and

c) wherein the container wall and the mixing assembly are angled relative to one another in that the plane defined by said open upper edge of the ~~goblet~~ is not perpendicular relative to the rotational axis of the mixing assembly so as to form an off-axis configuration resulting in more efficient mixing action.

2. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claims 1 or 23, wherein the longitudinal and rotational axes are offset with respect to one another.

3. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claims 1 or 23, wherein the longitudinal and rotational axes are oriented transverse with respect to one another.

4. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claims 1 or 23, wherein the rotational axis is oriented substantially vertical, and wherein the longitudinal axis is oriented at an acute angle with respect to vertical.

5. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claims 1 or 23, wherein the container wall includes a front wall oriented substantially vertical, and a rear wall oriented at an acute angle with respect to vertical.

6. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claims 1 or 23, wherein the container wall has upper and lower horizontal cross-sections that are non-concentric.

7. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claims 1 or 23, wherein the container wall has a tilted upper edge forming an acute angle with respect to horizontal.

8. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claims 1 or 23, further comprising:

a) a base having a horizontal bottom and a motor capable of turning a drive mechanism extending therefrom, the mixing assembly being horizontally disposable on the base when the container wall is coupled to the mixing assembly, so that said drive mechanism is engaged with the mixing assembly, the goblet and base thereafter being ready for use as a food mixer;

b) a spout, coupled to the container wall;

c) a cup indentation formed in the base at a position underneath the spout when the container wall and mixing assembly are disposed on the base, the cup indentation extending into the base and extending vertically from the spout through a bottom of the base; and

d) a pair of protrusions, extending from the base with the cup indentation therebetween.

9. (Currently Amended) A food mixer device, comprising:

a) a base with a horizontal bottom and with a motor capable of turning a drive mechanism extending therefrom; and

b) an off-axis goblet, mountable on the base, comprising

i) a container wall having

an upper edge forming an opening which defines an open upper end of the goblet, and

having a lower opening adapted for horizontal coupling to a mixing assembly,

said container wall having a longitudinal axis substantially centered within said container wall ~~at one end within a plane defined on one end of the longitudinal axis by said open upper end of the goblet, and substantially centered at the other end of the axis within a horizontal plane defined on the other end of the axis by said lower opening~~;

ii) a mixing assembly that comprises

a base cap to close said lower opening of the container wall,

said base cap having a lower horizontal edge,

said lower horizontal edge being adapted for horizontal placement on the motorized base, and

said base cap being removably couplable to the container wall so that the mixing assembly can be removed for cleaning,

a plurality of blades engageable with the drive mechanism and disposable within the container wall so as to be centered near the bottom of the container wall when the mixing assembly is coupled to said lower opening of the container wall,

said plurality of blades being spaced away from the sides of the container wall and mounted about a single rotational axis, and

iii) wherein the container wall and the mixing assembly are angled relative to one another in that the plane defined by said open upper edge of the goblet is

not perpendicular relative to the rotational axis of the mixing assembly so as to form an off-axis configuration resulting in more efficient mixing action.

10. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claims 9 or 24, wherein the longitudinal and rotational axes are offset with respect to one another.

11. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claims 9 or 24, wherein the longitudinal and rotational axes are oriented transverse with respect to one another.

12. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claims 9 or 24, wherein the rotational axis is oriented substantially vertical; and wherein the longitudinal axis is oriented at an acute angle with respect to vertical.

13. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claims 9 or 24, wherein the goblet has a front wall oriented substantially vertical, and a rear wall oriented at an acute angle with respect to vertical.

14. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claims 9 or 24, wherein the goblet has upper and lower horizontal cross-sections that are non-concentric.

15. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claims 9 or 24, wherein the goblet has a tilted upper edge forming an acute angle with respect to horizontal

16. (Previously Presented) A goblet device in accordance with claims 1 or 23, wherein the rotational axis of the mixing assembly is oriented substantially vertical and the longitudinal axis of the container wall is oriented at an acute angle with respect to vertical and tilted in a rearward direction such that the rotational and longitudinal axes are non-collinear and transverse with respect to one another.

17. (Previously Presented) A goblet device in accordance with claims 1 or 23, wherein the longitudinal axis of the container wall is oriented transverse with respect to the rotational axis of the mixing assembly.

18. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 17, wherein the rotational axis is oriented substantially vertical; and wherein the longitudinal axis is oriented at an acute angle with respect to vertical.

19. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 17, wherein the longitudinal axis of the container wall is oriented at an acute angle greater than zero with respect to the rotational axis of the mixing assembly.

20. (Previously Presented) A goblet device in accordance with claims 1 or 23, wherein the longitudinal axis of the container wall is oriented at an acute angle greater than zero with respect to the rotational axis of the mixing assembly.

21. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 20, wherein the rotational axis is oriented substantially vertical; and wherein the longitudinal axis is oriented at an acute angle with respect to vertical.

22. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 20, wherein the longitudinal axis of the container wall is oriented transverse with respect to the rotational axis of the mixing assembly.

23. (Currently Amended) A goblet device configured for use with a motorized base as a food mixer, the device comprising:

a) a container wall having

an upper edge forming an opening which defines an open upper end of the goblet, and

having a lower opening adapted for horizontal coupling to a mixing assembly,

said container wall having a longitudinal axis substantially centered <u>within said container wall</u> at ~~one end within~~ a ~~plane defined on one end of the~~ longitudinal axis by ~~said open upper end of the goblet, and substantially~~ centered

at the other end of the axis within a horizontal plane defined on the other end of the axis by said lower opening;

b) a mixing assembly that comprises

a base cap to close said lower opening of the container wall,

said base cap having a lower horizontal edge,

said lower horizontal edge being adapted for horizontal placement on the motorized base, and

said base cap being removably couplable to the container wall so that the mixing assembly can be removed for cleaning,

a plurality of blades disposable within the container wall so as to be centered near the bottom of the container wall when the mixing assembly is coupled to said lower opening of the container wall,

said plurality of blades being spaced away from the sides of the container wall and mounted about a single rotational axis; and

c) wherein the container wall and the mixing assembly are arranged in relation to one another so that together they provide an off-axis means for creating a non-uniform vortex in material within the goblet container wall when the mixing assembly operates to mix the material within the goblet container wall.

24. (Currently Amended) A food mixer device, comprising:

a) a base with a horizontal bottom and with a motor capable of turning a drive mechanism extending therefrom; and

b) an off-axis goblet, mountable on the base, comprising

i) a container wall having

an upper edge forming an opening which defines an open upper end of the goblet, and

having a lower opening adapted for horizontal coupling to a mixing assembly,

said container wall having a longitudinal axis substantially centered within said container wall at one end within a plane defined on one end of the longitudinal axis by said open upper end of the goblet, and

substantially centered at the other end of the axis within a horizontal plane defined on the other end of the axis by said lower opening;

ii) a mixing assembly that comprises

a base cap to close said lower opening of the container wall,

said base cap having a lower horizontal edge,

said lower horizontal edge being adapted for horizontal placement on the motorized base, and

said base cap being removably couplable to the container wall so that the mixing assembly can be remove for cleaning,

a plurality of blades engageable with the drive mechanism and disposable within the container wall so as to be centered near the bottom of the container wall when the mixing assembly is coupled to said lower opening of the container wall,

said plurality of blades being spaced away from the sides of the container wall and mounted about a single rotational axis, and

iii) wherein the container wall and the mixing assembly are arranged in relation to one another so that together they provide an off-axis means for creating a non-uniform vortex in material within the goblet when the mixing assembly operates to mix the material within the goblet.